

REMARKS

A substitute specification in proper idiomatic English along with the table included in the original specification is provided hereby as suggested by the Examiner. The Examiner has noted that the substitute specification filed on 11/28/03 was not entered because it did not contain the table from the original specification. The Examiner, however, has stated that the substitute specification filed on 11/28/03 including the table would be entered. No new matter has been added.

Claims 4-8, 12-14 and 17-21 are pending.

Claims 4-8 stand withdrawn and cancelled hereby.

Claims 12-14 and 17 are allowed.

Claims 18-21 are rejected.

Claims 18-21 are cancelled, without prejudice.

Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of the claims in light of the above amendment and following remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 12-14 and 17 are allowed.

Objection to the Specification

The Examiner has stated that an additional objection to the specification is made wherein applicant is asked to amend the specification to include the generic terminology for the vulcanizing agents DM, D, T/T, and NA22.

However, the term "vulcanizing agents" are the generic terminology for the product sold under the brand names DM, D, T/T, and NA22 by KAWAGUZI Co. Ltd. and SUMOTOMO Co. Ltd. both located in Japan. One skilled in the art will understand what is meant by these vulcanizing agents without additional information.

Double Patenting

Claims 18-21 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of claims 12-14 and 17. Claims 18-21 are cancelled. Therefore, the double patent objections are not moot.

Claim Rejections-35 USC § 112

Claims 18-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 18-21 are cancelled, without prejudice. The rejection of claims 18-21 under 35 U.S.C. 112 is now moot.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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